
Minutes
Workshop Meeting
October 21, 2014

Attendance: Mayor Kenneth Neilson, Councilmen Garth Nisson, Thad Seegmiller, Kress Staheli, Ronald Truman, Jeff Turek, City Manager Roger Carter, City Attorney Jeff Starkey, Public Works Director Mike Shaw, Leisure Service Director Barry Blake, Police Chief Jim Keith, City Recorder Danice Bulloch, Audience: Don Watlet, Cindy Watlet, Cody Howick, Mari Smith, Danny Fuchs

Meeting commenced at 6:30 P.M.

1. Approval of the Agenda.

Councilman Seegmiller made a motion to approve the agenda with the change to Item 3 to state Police Station rather than Public Safety. Councilman Truman seconded the motion; which passed with the following roll call vote:

<i>Councilman Nisson</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Seegmiller</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Staheli</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Truman</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Turek</i>	<i>Aye</i>

2. Discussion and review of Parks and Recreation Capital Facility Plan and Impact Fee. Leisure Services Director Barry Blake

Leisure Services Director Barry Blake introduced Cody Howick, with Sunrise Engineering. He has been working on the Capital Facilities Plan and Impact Fee for approximately 7 months.

Cody Howick reviewed the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Powerpoint with Council.

Councilman Seegmiller asked about the meaning of NRCA Standards, and how is the level of service determined for Washington City.

Mr. Howick explained what the NRCA Standards meant with relation to Washington City. Basically it was determined if Washington City owns the property and collects impact fees on the property, it is counted as a level of service. However, his study does not include the golf

course.

City Manager Roger Carter agreed, obviously the Golf Course is a public benefit, but should not be included.

Leisure Services Director Barry Blake commented he does not believe the Golf Course can technically be counted as a level of service.

Mr. Howick continued his review.

Council and Staff discussed the trail system and the future connections to the adjacent Cities.

Mr. Howick again continued his review.

Councilman Seegmiller asked if there are any concerns with the number of parks in the fields area. There are a number of parks in the downtown area, but not many in the fields.

Leisure Services Director Blake stated there are a number of parks planned for the fields area, and many of them will be completed fairly soon.

Council members discussed the parks currently located in the Washington Fields Area, and the immediate future planned parks.

Council member then discussed the need for the baseball complex to be built sooner.

Leisure Services Director Blake explained many of the individuals currently using the Little League are St. George residents. In order to prevent having to built those fields before we can pay for them, Washington City may need to restrict the Little League to residents.

Councilman Turek suggested doing the baseball fields in phases.

City Manager Carter explained Washington City would be responsible for all the development if we were to build before the housing develops.

Leisure Services Director Blake stated we cannot charge more impact than what our level of service is.

Council discussed the priority of the types of parks to build in what areas.

Councilman Seegmiller stated there are tons of recreation activities throughout Washington City and the entire Southern Utah area. He definitely does not feel we are lacking in that area.

3 Project update and review on the Public Safety Building Project. Police Chief Jim Keith

Police Chief Jim Keith introduced Mr. Denny Fox the architect for the proposed Police Station.

Mr. Danny Fuchs reviewed the need for a Washington City Police Station. He then presented the information to Council. The intent is to also include a complementary design and color pallet to the existing City Office Building.

Council members discussed the size of the overall building as well as the size of the land.

Mr. Fuchs reviewed the overall floor plan with the Council.

Councilman Seegmiller stated we are looking at our immediate town center park. He does not know that this is the right spot for the building. He does realize it create problems for the design, but he does not feel this is the appropriate location.

Mr. Fuchs stated having the police station adjacent to the courts is advantageous.

City Manager Carter stated we have a high use of our citizens, which are already have to travel too far to our other buildings, so it would be best to keep it close to the City Office downtown.

Councilman Seegmiller stated all of the future plans continue to erode from our downtown park area. He is not comfortable destroying our town center for a two area parcel.

City Manager Carter stated he doesn't disagree, but the issue is what we do now.

Councilman Staheli asked if any other sites were proposed or reviewed.

City Manager Carter stated other land has not been looked into because of the proximity to the City Offices.

Councilman Truman appreciates the concern about the downtown area.

City Manager Carter reviewed the possible future plans for the surrounding properties.

Council members then discussed the possibility of other sites for the building.

Councilman Staheli asked to see at least 3 to 4 additional additional sites for the police building.

City Manager Carter asked for Council to find those locations.

Councilman Staheli clarified Staff would like Council to find those locations.

City Manager Carter stated he does not want Staff to have to find locations and have Council not like the options.

Mr. Fuchs continued his review of the floor layout.

City Manager Carter asked if the Council would entertain the possibility of the church property on Main Street and Telegraph.

Council members would like to look at few different locations.

Councilman Turek asked if it matters if the Police Department is located within the specific vicinity of the City Hall.

Councilman Seegmiller stated the Animal Shelter property is 6 acres, and would make a very nice location, and we could then find a smaller location for the animal shelter.

Council members then discussed potential locations for the police department.

Police Chief Jim Keith stated the building can go anywhere. There are benefits to having the building close to the City Offices, but he does not have a preference.

City Attorney Jeff Starkey stated there could be property available for RP&P property, which would be very inexpensive.

Councilman Turek explained RP&P property takes a significant amount of time.

Councilman Seegmiller suggested doing a parcel trade in order to get a different location.

Chief Keith stated having a police station located in the town center doesn't have to take away visually.

Councilman Turek stated he understands the need to preserve our park area downtown. Once the property is used for a building, there are no other options.

Chief Keith asked for direction from Council.

Councilman Seegmiller would also like input from Chief Keith on alternate locations.

City Manager Carter stated he does not have an issue with looking for an additional sites. He would like to be the most efficient as possible on the process.

Chief Keith stated he would move forward on looking into additional sites for the building.

4. Discussion regarding the disbursement of Flood Relief Funds. Councilman Thad Seegmiller

Councilman Seegmiller stated there was just under \$3000 raised for the flood victims. He would like Council input on how the money should be disbursed.

Councilman Staheli stated he would feel comfortable with Councilman Seegmiller and Councilman Turek determining the disbursement of the money.

It was the consensus of Council to have Councilman Seegmiller and Turek determine the disbursement.

5. CLOSED SESSION

A. To discuss pending or potential litigation.

Councilman Turek made a motion to leave the regular meeting and move into closed session to discuss pending or potential litigation. Councilman Seegmiller seconded the motion; which passed with the following roll call vote:

<i>Councilman Nisson</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Seegmiller</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Staheli</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Truman</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Turek</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Council moved into closed session at 8:49 P.M.

6. Adjournment

Council adjourned the Closed Session and returned to the Workshop Meeting at 9:40 P.M.

Councilman Turek motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Seegmiller seconded the motion which passed with the following roll call vote:

<i>Councilman Nisson</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Seegmiller</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Staheli</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Truman</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Turek</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Passed and approved this 25th day of November 2014.


Attest by:



Danice B. Bulloch, CMC
City Recorder



Washington City


Kenneth F. Neilson, Mayor

